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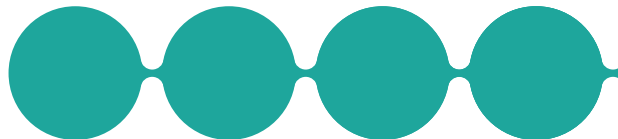
We're delighted to welcome delegates to GMB Congress in Brighton, we hope you have a great time and that the sun shines when you're not sat in the Congress hall!

As you look round the hall this year, you might see a few changes. We're putting the 'union' back in GMB!

GMB@work has been and will remain a key set of organising principles for our union, but we know there has never been a more important time to stand up and tell the world how proud we are to be the collective voice of working people. Our updated logo and congress theme are loud and proud about the trade union movement and the difference we make.

This week we'll debate motions, set policy for the union and importantly celebrate the fantastic work our members, activists and staff do each and every day to make the working world - and our entire society - a better place.

There are plenty of events throughout the week, from fringe meetings, to workshops to regional gatherings and our whole congress get together. Get involved, have your say, represent your members and importantly - have some fun while you're doing it!



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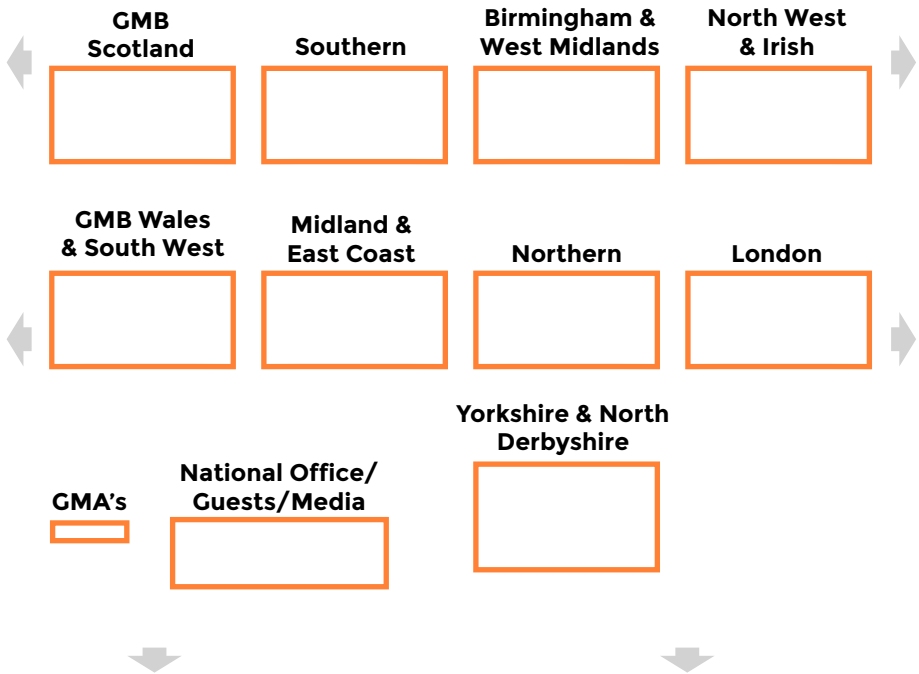
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OUR MARY CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MARY TURNER

Born in 1938, Mary Turner moved from Tipperary, Eire to the North of England in 1947, before settling in Kilburn, London. The first thing her father asked her when she started work at sixteen was “have you joined the union yet?”.

She had, and never looked back.

Learn more about Our Mary’s life, read tributes from fellow members and friends, and remember her for yourself by visiting our dedicated exhibition in the **Brighton Centre foyer**.

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WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

100 YEARS OF STRUGGLE



Women did not get to vote in parliamentary elections in the UK until 1918, and even then only some women – those over 30 who owned property – had that right.

The road to universal suffrage was a long one, and like everything working class people have, was fought for rather than gifted to us.

It is important to look back on how the vote for women was won, and the struggle that had to happen to get us there.

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Fringe Events

GMB COMMERCIAL SERVICES SECTION

Sunday 3 June

🕒 12.45-13.45

🏠 Room 1a, Ground Floor

EQUAL PAY AND THE GENDER PAY GAP IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Chair: **Gary Carter**, National Officer

Speakers: **Jean Foster**, Chair Asda Retail National Forum

Baroness Margaret Prosser, OBE, Labour

Chris Benson, Leigh Day Solicitors

The number of equal pay claims in the private sector is growing. Within the retail sector the fight for pay equality is becoming more prominent. Workers employed by the three largest supermarkets Tesco, Sainsbury's and ASDA are pursuing equal pay claims. The fringe will explore and debate equal pay and the wider issues of the gender pay gap and gender pay reporting in the private sector.

Refreshments will be provided

Fringe Events | Sunday

GMB RACE / GMB LONDON REGION

Sunday 3 June

🕒 12.45-13.45

📍 Room 1b, Ground Floor

STANDING UP TO ISLAMOPHOBIA, THE EMERGENCE OF FAR RIGHT GROUPS

Chair: **Taranjit Chana**, Chair of GMB Race or Fevzi Hussein,
Vice Chair of GMB Race

Speakers: **Steve Godsell**, Educational worker,
Show Racism the Red Card
Other speakers to be confirmed

Racism is on the increase and you will have seen a recent rise in organisations claiming to be associated with mainstream football supporters but who seek to divide our society – It's time to show them the Red Card and lift the lid on the Football Lads Alliance's leaders and unsavoury bedfellows!!

Come to our fringe to hear first-hand how GMB and like-minded organisations are working together to stand up to new forms of racism and hate crimes, fight racism and unite against Islamophobia.

Refreshments will be provided



Sunday | Fringe Events

GMB EQUALITY AND INCLUSION DEPARTMENT

Sunday 3 June

🕒 12.45-13.45

📍 Room 1c, Ground Floor

ORGANISING FOR EQUALITY!

Chair: **Brian Shaw**, National Equality Forum Chair

Speakers: **Angela Rayner MP**, Shadow Secretary of State for Education

Sarah James, NEF member

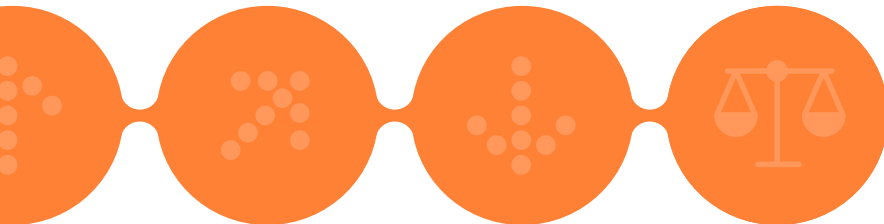
Other speakers to be confirmed

Passionate about equality but stuck for ideas how to organise around equality in your workplace or branch?

Come along for a session packed full of discussion, advice, tips and support on how to organise for equality!

As well as case studies on where GMB continues to organise and win on equality issues in our workplaces from our National Equality forum members, this is a great opportunity to put your questions to Angela Rayner MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Education and former care worker rep and union officer.

Refreshments will be provided



Fringe Events | Sunday

GMB INTERNATIONAL

Sunday 3 June

🕒 12.45-13.45

📍 Room 1d, Ground Floor

FREEDOM FOR OCALAN CAMPAIGN AND THE KURDISH ENCLAVE IN NORTHERN SYRIA

Chair: **Bert Schouwenburg**, GMB International Officer

Speakers: **Elif Sarican**, Kurdish Students

Steve Sweeney, Morning Star

Dennis McNulty, Secretary, GMB Camden

Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP

Amidst the lies and disinformation being circulated about the chaotic and tragic situation in Syria, one of the few beacons of hope lies in the Kurdish region of Rojava where a new society based on tolerance, respect and equality for all is being forged. Sadly, this is under threat from Turkish incursions to which Russia, the US and the EU are prepared to turn a blind eye in order to foster their own agendas. The speakers on the panel have visited both Turkey and Syria and can therefore provide us with valuable insights into the current situation.

A light lunch will be served



Monday | Fringe Events

GMB NATIONAL OFFICE

Monday 4 June

🕒 12.45–13.45

📍 Syndicate Wing Room 1

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON GMB ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Chair: **Allan Wylie**, Finance Director

Speaker: **Graham Dow**, Chief Accountant

Refreshments will be provided

GMB POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

Monday 4 June

🕒 12.45–13.45

📍 Syndicate Wing Room 2

A WORKERS' BREXIT? HOW WILL THE GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO BREXIT AFFECT GMB MEMBERS

Chair: **Cath Speight**, National Political Officer

Speakers: **Tim Roache**, GMB General Secretary

Judith Kirton-Darling, Labour MEP

Representative of GMB's Brexit Working Group

Other Speaker to be confirmed.

Two years on from the EU referendum there are still many unanswered questions about what Brexit will mean for GMB members' jobs, industries and rights at work.

This fringe meeting will be an opportunity to:

- Hear more about the implications of the Conservative government's approach to Brexit

Fringe Events | Monday

- Discuss the priorities for GMB members and how it might affect different parts of our membership
- Identify the challenges and opportunities we can campaign and organise around

This will also be a good opportunity to ask questions to Jude Kirton-Darling. Jude is a GMB member who has worked across the trade union movement at a European level before becoming one of Labour's MEPs for the North East. Jude has lead responsibility for engaging trade unions over Brexit on behalf of the Labour in the European Parliament and she wants to hear from GMB delegates' experiences.

Refreshments will be provided



GMB YOUNG MEMBERS

Monday 4 June

🕒 12.45-13.45

🏠 Syndicate Wing Room 3

RECRUITING YOUNG WORKERS

Chair: **Ruth Pitchford**, Chair Young Members Network

Speakers: **Shen Batmaz**, McStrike Leader (TBC)

Ryan Maynes, Young London Chair (TBC)

Hannah Ruddick, ASDA Rep

Charlie Gray, TUC Young Workers Forum

Come along and hear from GMB Young Members on how best to recruit young people in your workplace. The panel will discuss current campaigns and young worker specific recruitment drives, and provide hints and tips on how to effectively communicate with young people in your workplace.

Refreshments will be provided

Monday | Fringe Events

GMB COMMERCIAL SERVICES SECTION

Monday 4 June

🕒 12.45-13.45

📍 Syndicate Wing Room 4

GMB – ORGANISING IN THE GIG ECONOMY

Chair: **Mick Rix**, National Officer

Speakers: **Tim Roache**, GMB General Secretary

Name Withheld, Hermes Courier Delivery Driver

Colin Griffiths, Senior Organiser, Birmingham & West Midlands Region

Sue Harris, GMB Legal Director

James Bloodworth, Journalist and Author “Hired”

Michael Newman, Leigh Day Solicitors

GMB is at the forefront of exciting campaigns in a number of areas within the context of precarious forms of exploitative employment.

The increasing use of platform working is just good old fashioned exploitation of workers using the latest new technology.

Our regions have been critical, not only identifying workers in a number of major companies active in the Gig economy, but also exposing their incorrect employment status.

Our activity and campaigns have persuaded hundreds to join GMB. However we have to admit this is still early days and we are learning lessons all the time in our attempts to reach out to workers and organise there. There is not a one size fits all approach as we encourage organising activity that is fresh, innovative and challenges the perceived norms of organising more traditional and established fields of employment.

A variety of speakers will share their experiences including from a worker point of view, from our officers and another perspective from the lawyers leading the fight on employment status in the courts.

Refreshments will be provided

Fringe Events | Tuesday

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Tuesday 5 June

🕒 12.45-13.45

📍 Syndicate Wing Room 1

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD FRINGE MEETING

Chair: **Ged Grebby**, CEO, Show Racism the Red Card

Speakers: **Stephen Cavalier**, CEO, Thompsons Solicitors

Tim Roache, General Secretary

Taranjit Chana, GMB Race Chair

Simone Pound, PFA, Head of equality and Diversity

Tony Higgins

Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) is an anti-racism education charity which utilises the high profile of professional footballers as anti-racism role-models to educate against racism in society.

The charity was established in 1996 and has continued to grow. The campaign has been very successful and now involves hundreds of top footballers and managers.

The campaign now has a national and international reach, with offices in North Tyneside, Glasgow, Cardiff and Southend-on-Sea.

As well as producing educational resources we deliver programmes of direct anti-racism education with over 50,000 young people and more than 6,000 adults every year.

SRtRC also organise high profile anti-racism events with professional sporting clubs and a national School Competition.

The SRtRC competition is the largest equalities themed competition in England.



Tuesday | Fringe Events

NORTH WEST & IRISH REGION

Tuesday 5 June

🕒 12.45–13.45

📍 Syndicate Wing Room 2

@TYRED UK

Chair: **Giovanna Holt**, Senior Organiser

Speakers: **Frances Malloy**, Manager
Zoe Wallace, Campaign Co-ordinator

Campaign to introduce legislation re: road safety around the age of tyres used on vehicles, in particular coaches.

Refreshments will be provided

GMB CREDIT UNION

Tuesday 5 June

🕒 12.45–13.45

📍 Syndicate Wing Room 3

GMB CREDIT UNION – LET’S GET THE MESSAGE OUT

Chair: **David Castledine**, GMB Credit Union Director and Treasurer

Speakers: **Andy Worth**, Midland & East Coast Regional Secretary
Paul McCarthy, North West & Irish Regional Secretary
Hans Billman, Credit Union Manager
Tim Roache, General Secretary

An overview of the GMB’s Credit Union and now the CEC have adopted the decision to enable the Credit Union to be marketing National and over the membership base a call to action, campaign and an increase in membership resulting in the GMB’s Credit Union being a sector leader.

Refreshments will be provided

Fringe Events | Tuesday

GMB NATIONAL HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Tuesday 5 June

🕒 12.45-13.45

📍 Syndicate Wing Room 4

ARE YOU BEING POISONED BY THE AIR THAT YOU BREATHE?

Chair: **Lynsey Mann**, GMB National HS&E Officer

Speakers: **Janet Newsham / Hilda Palmer**, National Hazards Campaign

Graham Petersen, Greener Jobs Alliance

Dan Shears, GMB National HS&E Director

Britain has some of the worst air quality in Europe. Dirty air is linked to more than 40,000 premature deaths in the UK every year, and Labour Party research shows that nearly 40 million people in the UK are living in areas where illegal levels of air pollution risk damaging their health.

Every single person is being exposed at work to some degree, but who is most at risk? How can we identify if this is a health emergency? And what can we do?

The meeting will be about the practical steps that members can take to identify air quality issues in their workplaces, and actions they can take to make sustained improvements.

Experts from the Hazards Campaign and the Greener Jobs Alliance will explain why this needs urgent action, and the National HS&E Department will outline the health effects that could be harming you.

Refreshments will be provided

Wednesday | Fringe Events

GMB EQUALITY AND INCLUSION DEPARTMENT

Wednesday 6 June

🕒 12.45-13.45

📍 Syndicate Wing Room 1

100 YEARS OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

Chair: **Nell Andrew**, National Equality & Inclusion Officer

Speakers: **Councillor Nancy Platts**

Taranjit Chana, NEF Member

Other Speakers to be confirmed

With personal stories of what women's suffrage means to them from a Suffragettes great grand-daughter and members of the National Equality Forum, come along to celebrate 100 years of women's suffrage and discuss how together we are going to organise for the future.

This session will focus particularly on the movement's forgotten women leaders, and on the continued fight for Women's rights in the workplace and beyond.

Refreshments will be provided

GMB COMMERCIAL SERVICES SECTION

Wednesday 6 June

🕒 12.45-13.45

📍 Syndicate Wing Room 2

ORGANISING TO IMPROVE WORKPLACE PENSIONS FOR ALL

Chair: **Charlotte Nichols**, GMB Research & Policy Officer

Speakers: **Jack Dromey MP**, Shadow Pensions Minister

Fringe Events | Wednesday

Keir Greenaway, GMB National Pensions Organiser
Jean Foster, Chair, Asda National Retail Forum

How do we stop unionised workers from retiring into poverty? GMB and the rest of the Trade Union movement have a challenge if we are to stop the employers' race to the bottom on pensions that would leave GMB members with poverty in retirement or not able to retire at all.

The fringe will debate what can be done industrially and politically to organise and deliver workplace pensions fit for GMB members.

Refreshments will be provided

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GMB COMMERCIAL SERVICES SECTION

Wednesday 6 June

🕒 12.45-13.45

📍 Syndicate Wing Room 3

GAS SECURITY – WHY DO WE NEED GAS AND WHERE SHOULD WE GET IT FROM?

Chair: **Stuart Fegan**, National Officer for Gas and Water
Speakers: **Mike Foster**, Chief Executive (Energy & Utilities Alliance)
Aubrey Thompson, Chair, GMB Leadership Team, British Gas
Sean Sweeney, Director, Trade Unions for Energy Democracy (TUED)

GMB has its origins in the Gas Industry. GMB today represents over 25,000 members working in this vital industry of highly skilled and mostly high premium jobs.

The role of Gas in heating our homes and generating electricity is crucial to the UK national interest as it is to GMB members. Over 80% of UK homes are heated by gas, almost half of our electricity

comes from gas and gas is central to any fuel poverty. National Grid says that “no credible scenario exists for hitting the UK’s 2050 decarbonisation targets, without continued reliance on gas”.

This fringe will debate the competing views on why we need gas and where we should get it from.

Refreshments will be provided

GMB INTERNATIONAL

Wednesday 6 June

🕒 12.45-13.45

📍 Syndicate Wing Room 4

RESISTING DONALD TRUMP AND THE RESURGENT RIGHT IN LATIN AMERICA

Chair: **Bert Schouwenburg**, GMB International Officer
Speakers: **Francisco Dominguez**, Venezuela Solidarity Campaign
Natasha Hickman, Cuba Solidarity Campaign
Pablo Bradbury, Argentina Solidarity Campaign
Sarah Merrill, Justice for Columbia

This is a unique opportunity to hear speakers representing four Latin American solidarity campaigns at a time when the right wing is in the ascendancy. US President, Donald Trump, backed by a cabal of regressive regimes in several republics, represents an existential threat to the peace and security of the entire region. GMB has a long history of supporting people in struggle in the Americas whose trade unions are on the front line of the neoliberal onslaught.

A light lunch will be served.





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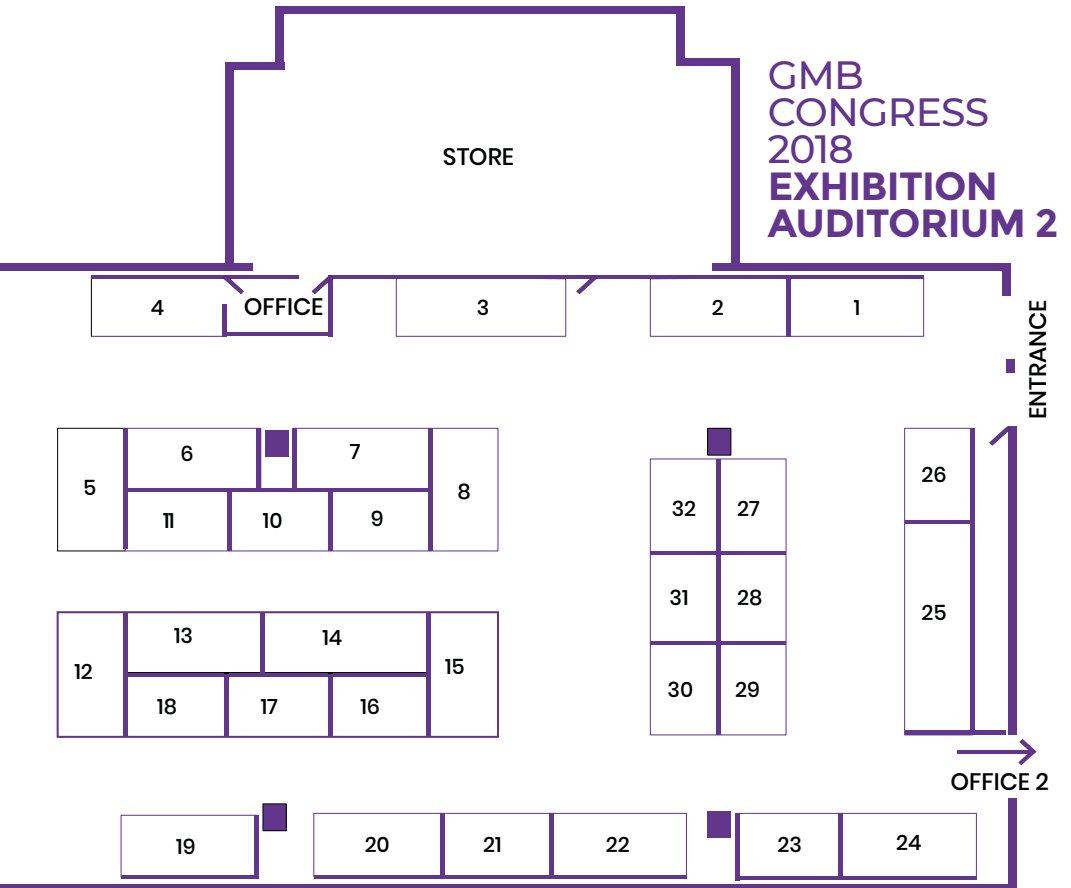
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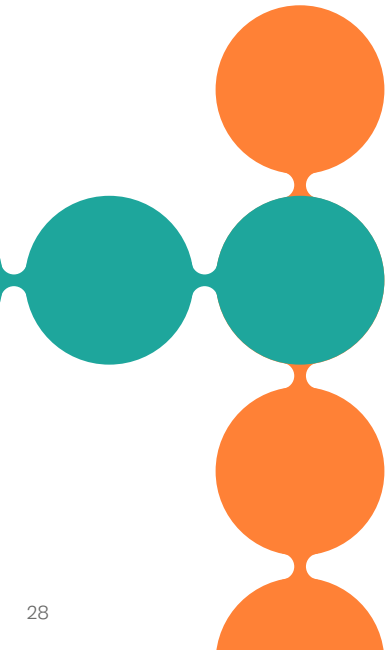


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Banana Link

Banana Link is a pioneering not-for-profit organisation working in close partnership with small scale farmers' and banana and pineapple workers' organisations in Latin America, Africa and the Caribbean. We combine campaigning and advocacy with multi-stakeholder dialogue to promote fair and equitable production and trade in bananas and pineapples based on environmental, social and economic sustainability.

We aim to achieve tangible changes in the lives of people working in banana and pineapple chains that incorporate:

- Fair and ethical trade practices, based on a fair living wage, equitable distribution of value along the chain.
- Dignity at work and respect for labour and trade union rights.
- Sustainable production systems which reduce dependence on hazardous substances and minimise adverse health and environmental impacts on natural resources, workers and communities.
- Constructive dialogue between all economic and non-economic stakeholders that accelerates a transition to fair, equitable and sustainable banana and pineapple chains worldwide.



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- Assisting individuals in financial need due to redundancy or unemployment
- Helping individuals who have been long-term unemployed gain the qualifications needed to get back to work in construction
- Granting awards to academic institutions, charities and construction industry initiatives to support health and safety and occupational health research

B&CE is now developing a new occupational health solution to improve the health of construction workers. To find out more, please visit <https://bandce.co.uk/improving-occupational-health-construction/>

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Bookmarks is the UK's leading socialist bookshop providing a service to activists and trade unionists. With a shop in central London and an online bookstore, www.bookmarksbookshop.co.uk our range includes politics, trade unionism, labour history, the environment, women's liberation, LGBT, black struggle,

culture, fiction and progressive children's books. We also sell t-shirts, mugs, badges, posters, CDs and DVDs.

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CLASS

CLASS (Centre for Labour and Social Studies) is a trade union based think tank. We challenge mainstream narratives on issues from high pay to class and race. Working with academics and policy experts, we produce high quality and intellectually compelling publications and events. CLASS seeks to shape idea that can inspire the trade union movement, cement a broad

alliance of social forces and influence policy development to ensure the political agenda is on the side of everyday people.

For more information visit our website: www.classonline.org.uk Follow us on Twitter @classthinktank and on Facebook www.facebook.com/classsthinktank



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Cuba Solidarity Campaign

CSC campaigns for the end of the illegal US blockade of Cuba, for the return of the illegally US occupied Guantanamo Bay and for respect for Cuba's sovereignty and independence, free from interference by foreign governments.

Visit our stand to join the campaign, to affiliate your branch, to get the latest news on Cuba and CSC, to receive information on events, campaigns, delegations and tours, or to buy from our range of t-shirts, music, books, chocolate, coffee and other Cuba related gifts.

Dying to work

The Dying to work campaign is pressing for additional employment protection for terminally ill workers who need greater protection from heartless employers who utilise a loophole in the law to dismiss the dying due to their illness. Sometimes the nature of the illness is such that the person is unlikely to be able to work again. In other cases, a person may decide that they do not want to work anymore. However, a lot of workers with a terminal diagnosis decide they want to continue working as long as they can, either because they need the financial security or because they find that their work can be a helpful distraction from their illness. Either way, every person battling terminal conditions deserves the choice of how to spend their final months.



GMB Credit Union

GMB Credit Union has delivered ten years of steady growth,

despite the challenging economic climate which has prevailed for much of that time. Over the ten years the Credit Union has progressively strengthened both its balance sheet and governance structure and has effectively met the combined challenge of increasing member lending, paying a very competitive dividend on savings and growing reserves.

The Credit Union now has access to the GMB community nationally; with over 600,000 GMB members plus their families nationally we have an enormous opportunity and much work to do in increasing awareness of GMB's Credit Union nationally.

The Credit Union is committed to encouraging the savings habit and rewarding members with market leading divided rates on savings.

Finally, please make it a priority to visit the Credit Union stand in the exhibition hall in order to become part of the Credit Union and find out more about this excellent benefit.



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GMB Internet Café

Want to know what's happening back at the workplace? Need to keep up to date with your email, browse the internet, write your speech or print your documents

Visit the GMB's Internet Cafe



BRIGHTON CENTRE FOYER

GMB National Office and Health & Safety Department

Visit the GMB National Office stand to talk to us about your campaigns, explore the new GMB website, tell us why equality matters to you - and find out how our new training and development materials can support you in your work. And to meet the National Health, Safety and Environment Department.



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GMB NHS DENTAL PLAN

Do you have a NHS dentist? Get £500 of NHS cover with the GMB NHS dental plan and get money back each time you visit your

NHS dentist, meaning no more costly treatment bills. Plus as a special offer for GMB members, you're covered immediately as soon as you join. Visit our stand to learn more about this simple and straightforward GMB member benefit or join online at www.gmbdental.co.uk

Claims are handled directly by a 'Not for Profit' insurer with a 135 year heritage of providing affordable healthcare. GMB NHS Dental Plan is administered by Protego Group who is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (304363)



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GMB Union Learning Fund Projects

Welcome to Congress, the GMB Learning exhibitors stall is an accumulation of many years of combined efforts from within the GMB of Trade Union Learning Reps, Regional Learning Committees, National Learning Committee and GMB ULF funded project teams. All this hard work has led to the GMB now having on its website a universal

learning offer available to any member. On display at the stall you will be able to access the universal offer through the technology that is available at the stall. In addition to this you will see details of the GMB ULF projects learning offers to any member and also the learning curve materials. So please take the time prior to Congress starting at Tea/Coffee breaks, lunch times or after Congress to come and visit us. To find the stall please check the plan of the exhibitors area.



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GMB Retired Members Association

Since 1985 GMB's Retired Members Association (RMA) has continued to grow. Retired members and their partners are urged to maintain an active interest in the activities of the RMA. The four key objectives of the RMA Constitution are as follows: The GMB RMA aims to provide practical assistance in the recruitment, retention and organisational objectives of GMB wherever and whenever possible. The GMB RMA aims to

campaign on behalf of retired GMB Members, and thus bring about dignity in retirement. The GMB RMA will work in partnership with like-minded pensioner groups whenever it is appropriate to do so. The GMB RMA aims at all times to comply with the equal opportunity policies of GMB. These aims and objectives are about furthering the interests and aspirations of retired members and their partners, building and maintaining the goals of our thousands of retired members, and developing a seamless link with the working membership of GMB. Britain has a growing and influential pensioner movement, which is campaigning to have the freedom to live in dignity and not the fear of need, the GMB RMA is part of the larger pensioner movement and politically campaigns at all levels of government both in Europe and the UK. You joined GMB to protect and advance your interest at work. The same criteria apply in retirement. If you are interested, or about to retire, and would like to stay active and involved in GMB, please contact your Regional Secretary or the appropriate RMA Co-ordinator



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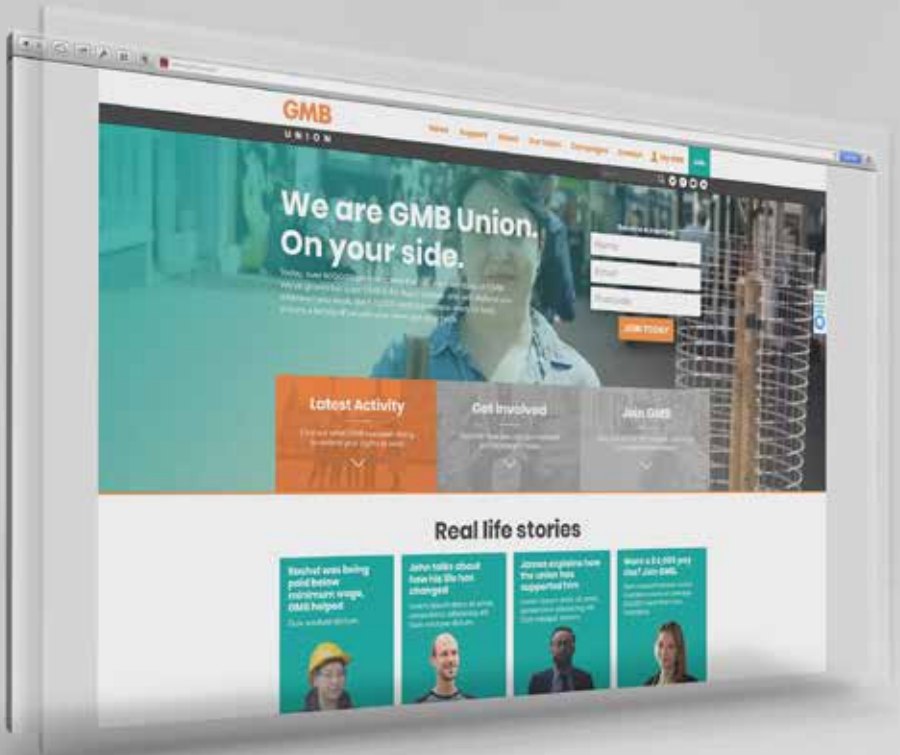
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Visit the National Office stand in the Brighton Centre foyer to explore the new GMB website – and learn how digital organising can build our union.





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Justice for Colombia

Justice for Colombia (JFC) is a TUC-backed organisation that campaigns against the human rights crisis in Colombia and supports Colombian civil society in its struggle for human rights, labour rights, peace and social justice. Founded by the trade union movement in 2002, JFC promotes links of solidarity between British and Irish trade unions and organisations in Colombia, gives a political voice internationally to Colombian civil society and is an official advisor to the Colombian peace process.



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Labour Research Department

The GMB are affiliated to Labour Research Department (LRD). The LRD provides news and information for trade unionists which include employment law, health and safety, equality, union news as well as pay and conditions information. We produce a range of publications and online services, including the Labour Research magazine,

Workplace Report and LRD booklets including the Law at work and Health and safety law used by reps throughout the movement.

GMB members also have access to the GMB Pay and conditions online database of collective agreements maintained by the Labour Research Department (LRD). It contains details of more than 2,000 collective agreements, including hundreds of GMB agreements with information on all sectors of the economy and all regions of the UK.

Visit our stand during the conference for free publications, online trials, your GMB pay and conditions username and password and much more.

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Leigh Day is a specialist law firm with some of the country's leading solicitors advising on employment and discrimination claims, consumer protection, personal injury and clinical

negligence. The firm also has expertise in international claims and human rights. Unlike most law firms, we act exclusively for trade unions and claimants who've been treated unlawfully by employers, government and businesses. We have offices in London, Manchester and Liverpool.

The employment department won Employment Team of the year in 2015. We work on most of the high profile employment cases in the country. We are instructed by GMB on numerous cases, including GMB's ground-breaking claims against Uber and Asda on behalf of thousands of their members.

We also represented hundreds of blacklisted GMB members in their fight against the UK's biggest construction companies.

The team has over 60 staff who cover all areas of law and advise clients and union members, both across the country and throughout the world.

LV Car Insurance

LV= Liverpool Victoria sponsors of GMB Congress, has provided members with exclusive discounted rates on car insurance for many years.

- In 2018, members can take advantage of our new Multi - Car insurance, where they can insure up to 6 cars on one policy and get the member discount on every car.
- Take advantage of the award winning customer service combined with great quality cover at discounted prices.
- Independent financial information business Defaqto has given our car insurance a 5 Star rating – its highest level of rating – for the fourteenth year in a row.
- We also offer members motorbike, caravan and classic car insurance.

Thousands of members have already benefited so why not come and see if you could too.

We look forward to meeting you at the LV= stand and will be pleased to provide further information. You can also visit LV.com/GMB

Palestine Solidarity Campaign

"We know too well that our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians"

– Nelson Mandela

Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) is an independent and democratic organisation, campaigning for peace, equality & justice for Palestinians, in support of international law & human rights, and against all forms of racism.

Please get involved and support our solidarity work:

- Join PSC and affiliate your branch
- Join us in our Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaigns
- Sign our petition and support our online actions on our website and social media
- Raise the issue of Palestine in your branch and region, we can supply resources: material, speakers and more.

Please visit our stand in the exhibition area for information about our current campaigns, to find out how you can get involved and stand in solidarity for justice for Palestine.

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Pattinson & Brewer has fought for better rights for working people since 1890. We have worked with Trade Unions for over 100 years, and we are proud to stand with you to fight for justice on behalf of GMB members.

We have acted for the GMB for over 30 years and now, as part of the Union Line panel, we are providing specialist advice and representation to your members in a number of Regions across the UK, as well as giving support to Head Office.

As a matter of policy, we act exclusively for claimants - never for employers or their insurers.

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The People's Assembly Against Austerity

The People's Assembly Against Austerity is the leading united national campaign against austerity, cuts and privatisation in our workplaces, community and welfare services. As an umbrella organisation it actively supports and brings together trade unions, students, pensioners, youth,

black people, LGBTQ, disabled people, women's organisations and community groups in opposition to austerity measures. This has developed into a movement supporting local as well as national campaigns, mobilising for some of the largest demonstrations in recent years.

 Leave a Lasting Impression

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Show Racism the Red Card

Show Racism the Red Card is the UK's anti-racism educational charity and was established in January 1996. The organisation utilises the high-profile status of football and football players to help tackle racism in society. The majority of the campaign's output is the delivery of education to young people and adults in their schools, their workplaces and at events held in football stadiums. Across Britain, Show Racism the Red Card delivers training to more than 50,000 individuals per year.

In addition to the direct education of young people and adults, Show Racism the Red Card produces resources which help promote a message of understanding. Films featuring professional football players

such as Thierry Henry, Samuel Eto'o and Ryan Giggs address a range of issues surrounding racism. The films help teachers and other training professionals to deliver training in their schools and workplaces. Each of the films is accompanied by an education pack containing lesson plans and activities for all ages.



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Simpsons Solicitors

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Simpsons Solicitors are proud to be associated with the GMB Trade Union and to be working in association with Unionline. We act for GMB members in relation to personal injury claims and employment matters providing legal services to members on a whole range of legal issues.

We are a practice employing lawyers who have many years experience in dealing with claims for trade union members and their families.

The principle of our practice is that we are supportive of the Trade Union movement and our staff are all members of

the GMB Trade Union. We can assure members that we have the interest of not only their individual members claim at heart, but the interest of the GMB Trade Union generally.

We currently act in association with Unionline for North West & Irish, Midlands & East Coast and Birmingham & West Midlands Regions.

We are also involved in assisting the GMB in training new shop stewards in health and safety matters, as well as running other training courses and have been very pleased to attend the activists conference for the regions we act for.

Further, we have lawyers who address various trade union conferences and have a particular presence at the annual GMB North West & Irish Regional Womens Conference.

If you need any legal assistance, please contact Unionline on 0300 333 0303 and they will ensure your matter is dealt with and referred to ourselves, where appropriate.

Our contact details are: 0161 **485 6030** (Cheadle Hulme)

and **0151 236 4312** (Liverpool) or you can email us at: law@simpsonssolicitors.co.uk



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Access our services via the GMB website. Follow us [@SG_Unions](#).

Stroke Association

See our stand and get you blood pressure checked at: Main Exhibition Hall, Monday from 09.30 – 16.30 and Tuesday 09.30 – 15.00. The Stroke Association offers free blood pressure checks and friendly advice on steps that people can take to reduce the risk of stroke. High blood pressure is a common factor for stroke and as it doesn't have any symptoms many people are unaware that their blood pressure is high. A blood pressure check is quick and easy, and if high blood pressure is identified it can be treated.



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TU Fund Managers is one of the oldest Unit Trust investment companies in the UK having celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2011. Founded by the trade union movement back in 1961, unlike most other investment houses, TU is wholly owned by a charity, the TUUT Charitable Trust, which has over the years supported a diverse range

of worthy charitable causes. We also have a subsidiary company, TU Financial Management Services Limited which offers a range of investment products for many UK trade unions, charities and other NGOs.

We are delighted to sponsor delegates refreshments throughout conference and wish the GMB every success Congress in Brighton.



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We might even throw in a free pen....



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Venezuela Solidarity Campaign

Despite its current difficulties, Venezuela has enjoyed social progress in recent years with education, healthcare and workers’ rights extended, as part of a process of creating public services for all.

This process of change has however faced sustained resistance from the US, who have consistently intervened

into Venezuela to overthrow the elected Government. Now, Trump has put sanctions on Venezuela, with the aim of starving the country of financing, and even threatened military intervention. Republican senator Marco Rubio has also recently invoked the possibility of a military coup in the country.

VSC is a broad-based organisation for Venezuela's self-determination and supporting dialogue as a way for the country to move forward, and works to build links between Britain and Venezuela's trade unions. The GMB and 16 national unions are affiliated.



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War on Want

Poverty is not an accident – poverty is political. Decisions made by politicians or companies in rich countries can mean life or death for people. War on Want tackles the root causes of global poverty, and challenges those institutions that perpetuate that poverty.

Together with our trade union affiliates, we have campaigned against CETA – **a free trade deal negotiated in secret – between the EU and Canada.**

War on Want is fighting to end the exploitation of workers in the supply chains for UK high street shops. We stand in solidarity with workers across the world who face intimidation and retaliation for organising into trade unions. Today, migrant workers in the UK face racism, abuse and exploitation, and it is no coincidence that many are employed on precarious contracts and constantly face the threat of losing their job.

War on Want works in partnership with trade unions and inspirational groups in rural communities, factories, sweatshops or conflict zones around the world. We believe the best way to tackle poverty is to support those organisations that are best placed to find their own solutions for social change.

WASPI – Women Against State Pension Inequality

No Notice – Significant changes to the age we receive our state pension have been imposed upon us with a lack of appropriate notification, with little or no notice and much faster than we were promised – some of us have been hit by more than one increase. As a result, hundreds of thousands of us are suffering financial hardship, with not enough time to re-plan for our retirement.

No Letter – Women are telling us that they can't believe their retirement age has increased by 4, 5 or 6 years and they never got a letter!!!!

No Pension – Securing work is proving impossible and zero contract hours or Job Seekers' Allowance is the only alternative with many others having to depend on relatives and partners

Work Stress

Stress can be a Killer – it can take people off work for long periods of time with heavy costs to the individual and their family, the business also to the economy. The Mental Health of all workers is a matter of priority for all managers and employers. Health & Safety Laws require that workers are not injured by work. This Government claims that most workplaces are 'safe workplaces', but a Mind Survey showed the opposite:

- 19% of all workers take a day off sick because of stress, with 90% giving different reasons for their absence.
- 10% of workers have resigned because of Stress and 25% are thinking about it.
- 20% of workers cannot tell their boss if they feel stressed at work.
- 50% of managers want to do more to improve mental wellbeing in their workplace, but 46% report it is not a workplace priority.

We can provide speakers at GMB Branch meetings or at Safety Representative training sessions by arrangement.

Visit the Work-Stress Network Exhibition Stand



WORTLEY HALL

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Wortley Hall

Wortley Hall Sheffield is situated within 26 acres of formal gardens and woodlands with spectacular views over the Yorkshire countryside. An ex stately home with a strong union background, Wortley Hall proves to be a very unique venue with plenty of character. Owned as a co-operative since 1951 it provides excellent conference, meeting and training facilities for up to 200 delegates.

Preferential rates are offered to GMB for conferences held at the Hall and all members are welcomed to purchase shares in Wortley Hall to benefit from further discounts. The Hall offers 50 en-suite bedrooms, newly refurbished bar and a 2 AA rosette restaurant which specialises in locally

sourced produce cooked in an open kitchen. We offer complimentary car parking, Wi-Fi and use of the gardens for outdoor activities. A truly grand venue steeped in history and our heritage and values are still strong aspects of our identity today.



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York Disabled Workers Co-op

York Disabled Workers Co-op is a company for disabled workers run by disabled workers. Our mission is to provide work opportunities, in a small friendly environment where we aim to offer high quality employment on pay rates above the National Minimum Wage.

Our board are made up of paid and unpaid directors, most of whom work in the business or are GMB members. We are proud to say we are supported by a number of trade unions, as well as social enterprises, voluntary groups and committed individuals, who share our values

At the YDWC we aim to make quality wooden products and garden furniture using recycled materials and wood that's been reclaimed and donated from wood manufacturers. Guaranteeing that not only will our hand made craft products make a great addition to your garden, but you can rest assured that they will be environmentally friendly and good value.

The last twelve months we've developed more products aimed at the trade union movement, from placards, badges and flags to our highly successful range of marching banners, specially made to order, so each one is unique in its design and aimed at celebrating our Trade Union movement.

Come along to our stand in the exhibition area and see what we're all about. Order your garden furniture. Design a new marching banner for your GMB Branch or just come along for a chat and support our venture in providing employment for local disabled people, living in York.

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Congress Workshops

Feedback from delegates at previous Congress' was that it would be good to have some interactive sessions alongside the Congress fringe. This year we're hosting workshops and discussion sessions that delegates can get involved in.

MONDAY

GMB Training

🕒 12.45 – 13.45, 🏠 Room 1a, ground floor

Two years ago congress called for a review of training. This year, our new materials and GMB@work courses were piloted in regions. Come along to this workshop to hear what the new training looks like, how we got there, and where we should go next.

Unionline: making our law firm work for us

🕒 12.45 – 13.45, 🏠 Room 1b, ground floor

This workshop is a discussion hosted by GMB Legal Director Sue Harris. Unionline is unique - it's owned by GMB for GMB members (with our partner CWU). The session will focus on what members and reps needs from Unionline, and how we can better promote the services we offer. Come and share your experiences and ideas.

TUESDAY

How to make politics work for our union

🕒 12.45 – 13.45, 🏠 Room 1a, ground floor

Hear examples of GMB campaigns, how to get the most out of politicians and what we can do to help you as a political team.

Engaging young workers

🕒 12.45 – 13.45, 🏠 Room 1b, ground floor

Come along and hear from GMB Young Members on how best to engage young people in your workplace. Not just for young members – we'll be discussing how best to communicate with them.

GDPR: data protection in practice

🕒 12.45 – 13.45, 🏠 Room 1c, ground floor

New data protection regulations came into force in May. Keeping members' information safe and secure is always a priority for GMB. This workshop looks at how data protection works in practice at a branch and workplace level.

WEDNESDAY

GMB Digital: introduction to the new website

🕒 12.45 – 13.45, 🏠 Room 1a, ground floor

GMB congress is getting a sneak peak of GMB's new website which will go live soon. Join GMB's Communication, Media and Campaign's team to see what the new site will look like, what it will do and how it can help support members and activists.

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